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Task Force Studying Future Governance Of Northwestern

A task force of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors has been engaged for several months in a study on the future of Northwestern State University, and the study process is scheduled for completion April 1.

Gov. Edwin Edwards directed the State Board of Regents for Higher Education last year to study the feasibility of transferring the governance of Northwestern to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

After the Board of Regents determined that there were no economic or legal barriers to prevent the possibility of a transfer to governance, the LSU Board of Supervisors was directed by the governor to conduct a study to determine if both Northwestern and LSU could be enhanced and strengthened by a change in governance.

The LSU Board appointed a group of

advisors comprised of Northwestern faculty and staff members, alumni and community leaders to assist in the study, and professional education consultants with expertise in planning, management, finances and curricula were also assigned to the study.

Dr. Roy Carroll, vice-president for planning at the University of North Carolina, is the chief consultant, and he is being assisted by Dr. William Webb of the Texas higher education system and Dr. John Folger of Vanderbilt University.

Members of the Board of Trustees have served on a Northwestern committee which conducted an in-depth study of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed transfer of governance, and the Board of Trustees is also represented on the advisory committee serving with the task force from the LSU board.

Northwestern president Dr. Joseph Orze has said that most personnel at

Northwestern are remaining "open-minded" during the study process, awaiting recommendations of the task force and the professional consultants.

Results of the several-month study by the consultants will be submitted to the task force by April 1, and another public meeting will be scheduled to discuss the findings of the study and recommendations on future governance.

Sam Friedman of Natchitoches, a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors and chairman of the task force, said the consultants and task force would recommend a transfer of governance "only if it is determined beyond question that a change in governance would benefit both Northwestern and LSU and would be in the best interests of higher education in Louisiana."

If a transfer in governance is recommended, the proposal will go to the legislature where a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate would be

required to change the governance of Northwestern.

Friedman said mandatory legislative approval "is another safeguard in the process to assure that the best interests of Northwestern and LSU are served. If there is a recommendation for a transfer in governance and it is opposed by representatives of both schools, there would be no chance of legislative approval."

Edwards ordered the study primarily to determine if LSU could provide new programs or services that would stabilize or increase declining enrollment on Northwestern's Natchitoches campus.

"If it cannot be shown clearly and specifically how LSU could enhance Northwestern and how NSU, in turn, could make contributions to LSU, it is unlikely that a transfer would take place or even be recommended," Friedman said.

Northwestern Students Establish Trust Fund For Special Projects

Northwestern State University students have established a Student Trust Fund to provide financing for special projects designed to enhance the quality of student life at NSU.

Using dedicated, self-assessed fees as a financial source to develop projects for which state funds foreseeably will not be available was conceived by NSU students and approved by a vote of the student body in the spring of 1985.

Dr. Fred C. Bosarge, dean of the students at Northwestern, said the Student Trust Fund "is probably not only unique in American higher education, but also is of particular importance in these Louisiana times of tightening resources."

Northwestern graduate student and enrollment counselor David Eschenfelder of Shreveport originated the idea of a Student Trust Fund when he was a senior at Northwestern.

Student Government Association president Shawn Wyble of Opelousas said Northwestern students demonstrated creative and solid support of the institution when they approved the establishment of the trust fund through a student body referendum last spring.

Each full-time student on the Natchitoches campus of NSU pays \$5 per fall, spring and summer session into the Student Trust Fund. The self-assessed fees are placed in a professionally-administered trust fund and form the principal of the trust. Interest generated by the trust will then be used for special projects, none of which involve major capital outlay work.

"Each recommended project must subsequently be approved by the Student Government Association and, ultimately, by Northwestern's management board, the State Board of Trustees for Colleges and Universities," said Wyble.

Robert Wilson, Student Union Governing Board Sponsor, Dies

Funeral services for Robert Wayne Wilson Sr., 53, assistant dean of students for student activities at Northwestern State University, were held March 7 at Trinity Parish (Episcopal) Church in Natchitoches.

Father Richard Taylor, pastor of Trinity Parish Church, was the celebrant. Burial was in Memory Lawn Cemetery in Natchitoches. Services were under the direction of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches.

Wilson, a member of the NSU administrative staff since being appointed in 1967 as director of the Northwestern's Student Union, died March 5, at Natchitoches Parish Hospital following a brief illness.

Wilson, who was nominated in 1984 for Man of the Year by the Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce, is survived by his widow, Jerry L. Wilson of Natchitoches; one son, Robert W. Wilson Jr., of Natchitoches; one

daughter, Rhonda Lynn Wilson of Natchitoches; one brother, William H. Wilson of Woodbridge, Va., and one grandson, Randy Wilson of Natchitoches.

A graduate of Northwestern, he earned the bachelor's degree in industrial technology in 1956 and the master's degree in student personnel services in 1967, when he became the first graduate of NSU's graduate program in student personnel services.

Wilson served as director of the NSU Student Union from 1967 to 1978, when he was promoted to director of student activities. In 1983, he was named assistant dean of students for student activities.

In 1970 the first Student Union Governing Board at Northwestern, which he sponsored since it was founded, honored Wilson by naming an award after him. The Robert W. Wilson Award is presented annually to an individual for outstanding contributions to the Student Union Governing Board.

Wilson was the major driving force in the development of Northwestern's Outdoor Recreation Complex, a facility which opened for students and the general public in 1977. He also directed more than 20 graduate students pursuing master's degrees in student personnel services who are currently serving in the professional field.

His honors at Northwestern include the Gail Goodwin Award for outstanding service in student personnel services as an alumnus and an honorary membership in NSU's chapter of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. He was also the charter president of the university's Council of Staff Administrators and Supervisors.

As a civic leader and business owner, Wilson had been active for several

years in the Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce, serving as a member of the Ambassadors and the Natchitoches Christmas Festival committee.

Wilson was a charter member and past president of the Krewde de St. Denis, past president of the Natchitoches Country Club, former golf coach at NSU and held memberships in Ducks Unlimited, the Association of College Unions and the National Association for Campus Activities.

He was a longstanding communicant at Trinity Parish (Episcopal) Church, for which he also served as a former Junior Warden and delegate to Diocesan conventions. Wilson was instrumental in securing a grant for the restoration of historic Trinity Parish Church in 1980-81.

Duffy Returns as Honors Speaker

One of the most distinguished scholars to have graduated from Northwestern State University returned to NSU March 12 to deliver the keynote address for Phi Kappa Phi's 25th annual Academic Honors Banquet.

Dr. John Duffy, who earned the B.A. degree from Louisiana State Normal College (now NSU) in 1941, was the Priscilla Alden Burke Professor of History at the University of Maryland from 1972 until 1983.

As an authority on the history of medicine, he has written at least eight books on the subject of medicine.

Duffy has also contributed more than 14 chapters for books.

Duffy has held several important positions, including president of the Washington Society for the History of Medicine.



ROBERT W. WILSON

Flight Team For National

The Northwestern State University Flight Team has qualified for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's National SAFECON Competition to be held in Waco, Tex., in April, 1986.

Northwestern became eligible for the national flying meet by placing third at the NIFA Region IV SAFECON in Waco. The top three teams at the regional meet qualified for the nationals.

The NSU Flight Team, which is making its flight trip to the Nationals, includes Charles Dranguet, junior from Natchitoches; James Dupree, sophomore from Provencal; Alfred Johnson Jr., junior from New Orleans; John Quave, senior from New Orleans; Louis Sklar, freshman from Natchitoches; Michael Turk, junior from Leesville, Ark., and alternate Robert Nance, freshman from Shreveport. Aviation science instructor Don McWilliams is the team's faculty advisor.

As a team, Northwestern finished second in ground events and ranked fifth in the flight events.

McWilliams said the NSU Flight Team is funded totally by donations from aviation supporters and funds raised by the flight team members.

Individuals interested in helping send the NSU Flight Team to the national competition in April should send their tax-deductible contributions to the NSU Foundation-NSU Flight Team, Office of External Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.

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A Message From The President

As I write this, the calendar tells me it is winter, but a look out my window says it is Spring. The baseball team is on the diamond warming up for a game with Louisiana College. The weather has been the kind that the Chamber of Commerce likes to brag about, and I believe that even the migratory birds have decided to stay around to enjoy it more, because there are thousands in the trees and on the grounds of the campus. Although, technically it is not Spring, it feels like it ought to be.

Spring is my favorite time in Natchitoches. The emerging beauties of the wide variety of trees and flowers makes

Spring in Natchitoches a visual symphony accompanied by a delightful titillation of your sense of smell. It is like a renaissance of the earth and all of its bounties, and it makes life beautiful and puts our problems in a different perspective.

Of course, one of the jewels among all of the beauties of Natchitoches in the Springtime is our campus on the hill overlooking the shimmering ribbons of water we know as Chaplain's Lake and the Cane River Lake. Especially in the Spring our campus has to be not only the most attractive in

Louisiana, but high on the list of the most attractive anywhere.

This issue of *The Columns* focuses upon Springtime at Northwestern and particularly upon our Spring sports program. Through it, I hope we are able to share a little of the flavor and beauty of the season. Perhaps it might even convince you to come for a visit and watch one of the teams in action. If you make it to Natchitoches, there's a good chance you will find me behind the backstop in the bleachers cheering the Demons on.

Play ball!



FORMER NSU BASKETBALL PLAYERS got together Feb. 1 for some roundball action before the current Demons took the floor against Nicholls State. Many claimed that they had not "picked up a basketball since they graduated." Just like riding a bike, however, you never forget, and these players proved that while the flesh might be lacking, the spirit was indeed intact. Participating in the event were (front row, from left) Don Ashworth, Tynes Hildebrand Jr., Randy Veuleman, James Wyatt and Mike Greene; (second row) Skeeter

Henry, Tommy Matias, Roger Holan, Thurman Baptiste and Peter Gray; (third row) Perry Ball, Guy Charles, Doug Watts, Stan Lee and Otis Faust; (fourth row) Robert Willett, David Clark, Pee Wee Patton, Bob Dorcheus and Jim Thomas; (fifth row) Tom Elkins, Bernard Waggoner, Danny Gour, Dan Poole and James LaRue; (sixth row) former voice of the Demons, Sheriff Norm Fletcher, Vic the Demon mascot and former head coach and current athletic director Tynes Hildebrand.

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Lowery Receives Outstanding Teacher Award At Northeast Louisiana University

Nancy Albright Lowery, a graduate of Northwestern State University, recently received Northeast Louisiana University's annual outstanding teacher award. She earned the bachelor's degree in nursing from NSU and the master's degree in nursing education from Emory University.

The outstanding teacher also received the District Nurses Award for Outstanding Achievement in Nursing Education for 1985.

She is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Nurses Association, the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and Louisiana State Nurses Association.

Lowery is a former two-time president of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and is currently on the district board of directors for the State Nurses Association.

At Northeast, she is an associate professor of nursing.

When asked what makes a teacher a good teacher, she replied, "Enthusiasm. You have to enjoy it. You have to be interested in it yourself. I think you just have to love what you do, especially with nursing, because there is so much 'doing' along with 'knowing.'"

More than 20 years after she taught her first class at Northeast, including the school's first group of nursing students, she received the outstanding teacher award.

"Of course, anybody would like to believe that they are a good teacher," said Lowery after receiving the award. "But I must say I had no real idea or feeling that I would receive the award. It was a real, real treat. It makes a 'fella' feel good. I felt so good about the fact that nursing would be recognized."



NORTHWESTERN NURSING graduate Nancy Albright Lowery (left) has received the outstanding teach award from Northeast Louisiana University. At right is the research award winner, Dr. Mervin Kontrovitz.

NSU Fun and Fitness Sports Camp A Unique Experience For Children

NSU—specifically the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation working cooperatively with the Division of Continuing Education—will initiate for the first time a unique concept—a Fun & Fitness Sports Camp for youth, ages 6-14 years.

The camp, with operating hours from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, is designed to serve multiple purposes—a way to introduce fitness and sports skills to youth, a public relations tool to further unite the university and surrounding communities in a worthwhile educational project, and a way to introduce prospective students to Northwestern at an early age.

The camp will focus on the development of psychomotor fitness and individual/team sports awareness skills for youth through specialized professional instruction in a structured fun environment. It will operate two sessions—the first, June 16-27, and the second, July 7-11.

Specifically, instructional activities at the camp will include exercises to development psychomotor skills, instruction in basic fundamentals of individual sports activities, individual skill analysis, rules and game strategies, and fitness and conditioning awareness.

A typical camp day will consist of two instructional periods where the camper may select two activities from a list of twelve. Choices include golfing, gymnastics, horseback riding, track-field, baseball, basketball, canoeing, aerobics, soccer, tennis, lead up games for ages 6-8, and swimming.

During the second session the camper will have the option to stick with further development in the two originally chosen activity areas or choose two new activity areas for a broader exposure.

Tuition for the camp will be \$50 per week with a moderate reduction in tuition for those who preregister.

Attending both sessions, three weeks, of camp, will afford the camper a special rate of \$125.

The NSU Fun and Fitness Sports Camp will be directed by Gene Newman, a doctoral student in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He comes to Northwestern from the mountains of North Carolina where he has 16 years of experience in camping and athletics. He

Alost Honored As Outstanding Educator

The Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts announced that its director, Dr. Bobby Alost, has been named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Louisiana Association of School Executives (LASE), a group of public school executives with a statewide membership.

Alost received his award during the Eighth Annual LASE Conference at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans Nov. 24, 25, 26. One of only 3 school officials so honored, he is a 26-year veteran of Louisiana's public education system and a former dean of the prestigious School of Education at Northwestern State University.

"Bobby's long years of service as a public school teacher and university administrator more than qualify him for this award," says Louisiana School Deputy Director Stan Powell. "But we feel the main reason why he was honored in this way was the fact that he and Representative Jimmy Long co-founded the Louisiana School.

"That's the achievement he'll really be remembered for. He left his safe college job in pursuit of a vision of excellence, and he worked hard to build his dream through thick and thin, through budget cuts and all the rest.

"Thanks to Bobby's vision and courage, our state has one of the top public

Four NSU Business Administration Graduates Promoted By First Federal In Alexandria

Four business graduates of Northwestern have received promotions by First Federal Savings in Alexandria. Promoted as new vice-presidents were

Austin L. Dick and Garrison Moreau, and named assistant vice-presidents were Debbie Danielson and Keith Fisher.

Dick is in charge of the mortgage loan department and has been with First Federal for four years. He graduated from NSU with a degree in business administration. He is past president of the Alexandria-Pineville Mortgage Bankers and Central Louisiana Home Builders Association.

Moreau is in his 12th year with the firm and is branch manager of the MacArthur Village office. He has a degree in business administration. He is past president and former secretary-treasurer of Chapter 219 of the Institute of Financial Education. He also is a graduate of the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and has attended a management development session for the Savings & Loan Institute of the South.

Ms. Danielson is branch manager of the Leesville office. She has been with the firm five years. She attended NSU at its Fort Polk campus and has completed several courses of the Institute of Financial Education.

Fisher is in the mortgage loan department and is a loan officer. An employee of First Federal for two years, he graduated from NSU and the School of Mortgages Banking at the University of Florida. He is a member of the Alexandria Mortgage Bankers Association and the Central Louisiana Home Builders Association.



Dean Dr. Robert Alost



GRITS GRESHAM (above), nationally-recognized television personality and outdoors writer, and Sen. Donald Kelly, well known in Louisiana for his love of hunting and fishing as well as support for wildlife and fisheries legislation, have been named honorary co-chairmen for the seventh annual Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival. The Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern is sponsoring the Festival, which is scheduled for July 18-21 in Prather Coliseum. Louisiana's wildlife and fisheries industries is the theme of this year's event. The Festival's feature exhibit pertaining to hunting and fishing should surpass last summer's indoor and outdoor displays focusing on the cowboy and cattle industry. More than 16,000 people annually attend the Natchitoches-Northwestern Festival, a multi-cultural event that has developed into one of the nation's major traditional folk festivals. For further information call (318) 357-4332 or write the Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival, P.O. Box 3663, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.

A Message From The Alumni Director

By Elise James
Director of Alumni

Spring is always a wonderful time of year — new beginnings and renewed energy. There is something about the budding out of trees and the sprouting of plants that gives us new vitality.

These thoughts were brought to home when on February 13 the Dallas Alumni Chapter was born. The enthusiasm and excitement which the organizational committee showed was indeed gratifying. As each person renewed friendships and made new ones among Northwestern graduates I realized why alumni work is so important. Their feeling of oneness and closeness is why this university is so great.

There are probably approximately 1500-2000 graduates in the Dallas area and we hope to find all of them to work for Northwestern.

Officers were elected at this meeting and they include Stan Lee, president; Tynes Hildebrand Jr., vice president; Jennifer Todd, secretary-treasurer; and Sharon Sampite, reporter.

This new Dallas Chapter discussed ways they can get involved in helping Northwestern such as recruiting students, promoting a positive image for Northwestern, and fundraising. It was a very positive meeting and will mean good things for the university.

It is time to put all negative talk behind us and speak of how great we really are. We have a very fine institution with deep traditions. We have turned out graduates who are successful in many fields. Be proud Northwestern, you have graduated scientists, doctors, lawyers, teachers, secretaries, businessmen, nurses, etc. These alumni did not only graduate but have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields. Alumni be proud of your educational background and shout our praises wherever you are.

I encourage all chapters in our network of alumni to please get involved in promoting Northwestern. We now, more than ever, need the support of our graduates.

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Football Inks 19 Recruits

Demon head coach Sam Goodwin was extremely pleased with his 19 football recruits inked in early February. "Last year we had a great recruiting year but I feel that this group will match last year's group in quality. They are the type of group that will succeed in both the classroom and on the football field."

Heading up the list is running back Tracy Palmer of Many, who was "grossly overlooked and is a great player," said Goodwin. "I can't believe how little competition we had for him. He'll have an opportunity to play at tailback and I look for him to have a great career."

Palmer rushed for over 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons and was rewarded for his efforts by being named District 3-AA MVP and Honorable Mention All-State.

Another running back in the Demon fold is Booker T. Washington's Chris Williams. The 6-0, 207 pounder rushed for 1,402 yards last fall in garnering several honors, including District 1-AAAA MVP Offensive Back, all-Caddo Parish and first team on the *Shreveport Journal's* All Caddo/Bossier team.

Sean Easterly, an All-State honorable mention pick from Baton Rouge-/Woodlawn, "is probably the most highly regarded prospect we signed. He certainly has outstanding credentials," said Goodwin.

Easterly was named first team All-District and All-Parish as well as Defensive MVP in the District. He was listed in *Lindy's SEC Recruiting Guide* as one of Louisiana's top 22 players.

Offensive lineman John King and tight end Carlos Prevo, members of Springhill's Double-A state championship team, have agreed to extend their careers at Northwestern.

King, who had many service academics wooing him because of his excellent academic work (all A's and just one B through three and a half years), was an All-

District and All-State offensive lineman while Prevo was a two-time All-District pick who was recruited by several majors schools as a wide receiver.

Casino Smith of Class A state champ Ouachita Christian averaged 10.7 tackles from his strong safety position in addition to recording 11 sacks, four interceptions, two fumble recoveries and forcing two fumbles. Smith also was in on 14 pass break-ups.

Another safety signed by NSU is Houghton's Bobby Brown, who picked off seven passes his senior year and nine as a junior. Brown doubled up as a tailback, wide receiver and tight end for Houghton and is a long jumper/relay team member on the school's track team. His honors include two years as a first teamer on the 1-AAA All-District team and All-Northwest Louisiana as selected by a Shreveport newspaper.

Jay Anderson, an offensive lineman from LaGrange in Lake Charles, has good size as well as an older brother (Marcus) who played in the United States Football league.

Mike Dempsey starred at defensive end for Parkway, where he was a two time All-District 2-AAAA choice who possesses great quickness as his main attribute.

Haynesville's Bobby Evans, whom Goodwin calls "a great athlete," played both tailback and linebacker in high school but will be a linebacker for NSU.

The only local signee was St. Mary's Darryl Andrews, who will be a wide receiver after enjoying a stellar career as both a defensive back and wide out in high school. Andrews led the Tigers in tackles (61) and interceptions (8) while scoring nine touchdowns, including two by kick-off return. He was a first team All-State selection as a defensive back and was also named a first team All-District 1-A choice on both offense and defense.

Northwestern State University 1986 Football Recruits

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN-HIGH SCHOOL
Anderson, Jay	OL	6-2	215	Lake Charles, La.-LeGrange
Barnes, John	DL	6-2	235	Grand Saline, Tx.-Grand Saline
Brown, Bobby	S	6-0	170	Houghton, La.-Houghton
Carson, Steve	LB	6-1	190	Camden, Ar.-Camden
Dempsey, Mike	DE	6-3	220	Bossier, La.-Parkway
Easterly, Sean	DL	6-3	240	Baton Rouge, La.-Woodlawn
Evans, Bobby	LB	6-2	190	Haynesville, La.-Haynesville
Freeman, Sean	DL	6-1	235	Monroe, La.-Neville
Jarvis, John	LB	6-0	190	Texarkana, Tx.-Liberty Eylau
King, John	OL-DL	6-1	235	Springhill, La.-Springhill
Moon, Toby	QB	5-8	170	Henderson, Tx.-Henderson
Owens, Mike	OL	6-2	250	Malvern, Ar.-Malvern
Palmer, Tracy	RB	6-2	210	Many, La.-Many
Prevo, Carlos	TE	6-2	205	Springhill, La.-Springhill
Scoggin, Rusty	OL	6-1	245	Houston, Tx.-Jersey Village
Smith, Casino	SS	6-3	180	Monroe, La.-Ouachita Christian
Stevens, Billy	OL-DL	6-1	230	Coushatta, La.-Riverdale Academy
Williams, Chris	RB	6-0	207	Bossier, La.-Booker T. Washington

A. Harris, Pugh Garner Academic All-American Honors

Northwestern State's Annie Harris and Sandy Pugh, both starting forwards on the Lady Demon basketball team, have been named as members of the District Six Academic All-American team, as named by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). Both are now on the national ballot.

District Six encompasses a six state area, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Texas.

Harris, a junior majoring in accounting, sports an overall grade point average of 3.2 in the College of Business. She's currently the Lady Demons leading scorer at 16.0 points per game and is second on the club in rebounding (6.8 rpg).

Pugh, also a junior, is majoring in Health and Physical Education. She was a member of the district Academic All-American team last year and this season is third on the Lady Demons in scoring (15.5 ppg) and first in rebounding (7.0 ppg).



ANNIE HARRIS



SANDY PUGH

New Coach Joins Football Staff

Don Shows, one of the winningest prep coaches in North Louisiana over the last eight years, has joined the Northwestern football coaching staff.

Demon head coach Sam Goodwin said Shows will replace Terry Quast as the offensive line coach. Quast, a member of Goodwin's original 1983 Northwestern staff, resigned to join his brother's real estate business in their hometown of Hot Springs, Ark.

Shows guided Pineville High for six successful seasons before he took a graduate assistant's post at Northeast last fall to complete work on his master's degree.

He owns an overall 62-18 (.775) record as a head coach, including a 23-3 stint in 1977-78 at Jonesboro-Hodge.

"He's been a very successful high school coach who's earned a lot of respect, particularly for his offensive systems," said Goodwin. "Last fall, he coached the linebackers at Northeast and I thought that was probably the best their linebackers have played since I've been at Northwestern."

"I talked with (NLU head coach) Pat Collins, and I don't think you can get any higher recommendation than he gave Don. His personality, his work habits, his coaching talent, his intelligence, experience in computer programming that helped handle their scouting system, handling on-campus recruiting... he just did a tremendous job for them and we look forward to having him on our staff."

Shows, a 45-year-old native of Ruston, was a star running back for the Bearcats under coach Hoss Garrett and

played at Louisiana Tech, earning his degree there in 1963.

He served as an assistant coach at Ruston, Jonesboro-Hodge and Alexandria Senior High before taking the head job at Jonesboro-Hodge in 1977.

In his first year, Shows took a team which had gone 1-9 in 1976 and led the Tigers to a 10-0 regular season, a No. 2 state ranking and the state championship game. He was named the state Class AA Coach of the Year.

After a 10-2 season in 1978, Shows moved to Pineville and guided the Rebels to five Class AAA playoff berths in six years.

In 1983, his last year at Pineville, the Rebels posted the first-ever unbeaten (10-0) regular season in school history.

He earned five district "Coach of the Year" honors in his eight seasons as a head coach.

Shows' appointment is subject to routine approval by the State's Board of Trustees for Colleges and Universities.

He is married to the former Daune Decote of Alexandria and is the father of three children. The family resides in Pineville.

Because of this month's deadline, information cannot be furnished on the Lady Demons and Demons basketball squads.

The NSU Women finished 23-6, a new women's team record and the men recorded an 11-16 mark.

More details on their seasons will appear in the next Alumni Columns.

Demon Tennis Outlook

Even though the official colors of Northwestern State are purple and orange, head coach Johnnie Emmons may want to add a little green to his Demon tennis uniforms this spring. Four freshmen and two sophomores, with only one senior, comprise the youthful 1986 squad.

Jorge Salvo, the lone senior, will man the number one singles position. He chalked up a 12-16 mark last year. Sophomores Claudio Semmelmann, 17-8 in 1985, and Axel Reich, 20-7 last season, are the two other lettermen after playing the number five and six spots, respectively, in 1985.

Making a quick adjustment to and hoping to cause a racket in college tennis will be freshmen Antonio Rezig, Ricardo Hormann, Nicholas Zurmendi and Martin Aguirre. Although they don't have collegiate experience, their international experience excites Emmons. Zurmendi represented Uruguay in Davis Cup competition while Aguirre did likewise for his native Ecuador. His claim to fame was serving nine aces against professional superstars Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia in a Davis Cup doubles match.

"We have four good freshmen who are awfully young, but very talented," said Emmons. "They'll have to adjust to the hardcourt surface after playing on clay courts their entire life. By the end of the year, we hope to have an outstanding team."

Having an outstanding team at that point in the season could go a long way in determining the Gulf Star Conference race. The Demons were 14-7 overall and finished second in the league with a 3-2 mark last year. "We finished second and came on strong," he said. "We did as well as could be expected last year. If we can finish second with four freshmen and two sophomores, then we'll be playing up to our potential."

"The conference is strong again and Stephen F. Austin, Southwest Texas and Southeastern Louisiana all have good programs," said Emmons. Southwest Texas won the league in 1985, while SLU finished third and SFA fourth.



1986 DEMON TENNIS TEAM: Front row (L-R), Adam Deleira, Richardo Hormann, Axel Reich, Martin Aguirre. Back row (L-R), Head Coach Johnnie Emmons, Jorge Salvo, Claudio Semmelmann, Nicholas Zurmende, Antonio Rezig and assistant coach Carlos Blanco.

Northwestern will again face a formidable schedule, featuring Tulane, McNeese State, Louisiana Tech and Kansas State. "Most of our opponents are serious tennis enthusiasts and put out a very good program" said Emmons.

He hopes the Demons will have a better program.

Tracksters Defend Title

"Our goal is to win the Conference championship," says Leon Johnson, now in his fourth year of guiding the Northwestern State track and field teams. But the 1985 Gulf Star Conference Coach of the Year, as well as his team, know that a high hurdle in the form of Southwest Texas stands in the way of a second straight team title.

"Southwest Texas is the favorite to win because they have quality people coming back, plus they have the advantage of running on their own track during the conference championships. We hope to improve as we go along and reach our peak when the league championships take place."

Northwestern State will be young in the field events as just four letterwinners return from last year's squad. Kelvin Barber, who took second place a year ago in the long jump, is the odds-on-favorite to win an individual title this time around. Freshman Carlton Cole will compete in both the long and triple jumps as Eric Barber, who qualified for nationals last year in addition to capturing both the long and triple jump championships in the GSC, will be redshirted as he hopes to gain Olympic status in 1988.

Leon Carr will temporarily trade in his football jersey for a track uniform so that he may compete in the shot put, where he'll receive competition from Brett Staff. Johnson is hoping one will emerge and take charge. Richard Whitaker won a letter last year and is back for another go at the pole vault, an event that Johnson thinks "he can score at the conference in if he overcomes his injuries." Leading candidate in the javelin now that all-American Steve Stockton has graduated is red-shirt Freshman Brent Brown.

Tap Hamilton, third in the conference a year ago, is back to toss the discus. Paul Oenbrink is another discus thrower who Johnson expects to place in the conference championships. Returning letterman Eric Lee, who high jumped his way to a fourth place tie in the GSC in 1985, has improved and is being pushed by senior Felton Payton.

Johnson has two returning letterwinners in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes. Both Tommy Thomas and Edgar Cooper will compete in the 400 in 1986, with Cooper pulling double duty in the 200 meter run. Three newcomers who will fill out both the 100 and 200 include Al Edwards, Andre Kimble and Kenneth DeWitt, with Bohhy Matt and Lawrence Chatman cruising in the 400.

Jamie Horn, a high school all-American, is the cream of the 110 meter hurdle crop. High jumper Lee and redshirt Freshman Frank Allen are in the event as well. The 400 meter intermediate hurdle field is filled with what Johnson refers to as "prospects," with Jerome Sampson, Cornell Lowery and Eric Clardy competing.

The middle distance Demons have three returning letterman, including Ronald Wilkins and Russell Duty and Chris Maggio. Freshman Mark Spikes is entered in the steeplechase while classmate Jerome Calbert is half-miler.

Three Freshman make up NSU's long distance corps. Buzzy Crenshaw, Joe English and Marvin Lyons will try and bolster what has long been a Demon week link. The last of the returning letterman is also a returning conference champion, that being defending decathlon titlist Terry Douglas.

Baseball Young, Exciting

His team is green, but head coach Herbie Smith expects to see some advancement in the Gulf Star Conference standings from his 1986 baseball squad. "Our goal is to finish in the middle of the conference race," Smith says. "With so many freshmen, you can't expect to finish much higher. At times we may have as many as five freshmen on the field."

Smith has gone a long way towards getting his team ready for the upcoming season, which opens up this coming Saturday when the McNeese State Cowboys pay a visit to Brown-Stroud field for a 2 p.m. contest. "We've scheduled a lot of nine inning games, more than in the past. Two seven inning games are too taxing on young kids," explained Smith. NSU will play 13 single games this season.

Don't think for a minute that the slate is any easier, however. Kingpins LSU, Louisiana Tech, Southern Mississippi and recently added Southwestern Louisiana help complete a Smith tradition — a schedule against top-notch competition.

In the infield, Smith will mix youth and experience and hope that the latter prevails as the season progresses. Frosh Reed Stuart has been one of the most pleasant surprises in early season workouts. The 6-5, 235 pounder has Smith drooling over this "great power, physical ability and potential. He should be one of the better freshman in the conference and will bat fourth for us."

Rufino Suarez, one of just two three-year letterman, has been stationed at second base after playing every other infield position during his three year career. Smith says that Suarez is a "leader and will provide good defense."

Teaming with the senior second sacker for hopefully a multitude of double plays is converted pitcher-turned short-stop Jeff Hale, whose future in the hole is entirely up to him.

Alongside Hale is the other three year letterman, veteran Billy Stevenson. Solid in the field, Stevenson has also arrived as a hitter, batting .278 a year ago while clubbing five homers and compiling a .478 slugging percentage. Behind the plate is another position transferee, former first baseman Craig Nemecek. "He'll help us cut down on our passed balls and throws the ball accurately," says Smith.

Smith is extremely high on his outfield, made up of (from left to right) Bubba Patterson, Vaughn Williams and the right field platoon of Dickie Marze/Doug Sands. "Patterson and Williams are players to watch — they're both outstanding."

"Marze will lead off for us and Williams will bat second, and that should eliminate a lot of double plays because of their speed. Patterson will bat third, which gives us a good first three in the batting order. But our outfielders are also going to be sharp defensively, will get to a lot of balls and all have good arms."

Smith's pitching staff is an unknown commodity, save for four returnees off last year's staff. "John Cryer is our number one pitcher. He's developed a sinker and has really become a sinkerball type pitcher. After him, it's a fight for number two between Levy Bryan, Scott Eichman and John Gatlin. Scott Buetow will be our top reliever," says Smith in a wrap-up of his mound corps.

Smith sees Nicholls State and Sam Houston State as the teams to beat.

'86 Lady Demons Look Good On and Off Field

From pretender to contender — that's second year coach Linda Jones' assessment of her 1986 Lady Demon softball squad. Whether or not they'll deliver the knockout punch that will land them the Gulf Star Conference team championship depends on what Jones calls the quickest team ever at Northwestern State.

The development of this year's team depends largely on how a young infield performs as most of the other pieces are in place. The Lady Demon outfield would give any Triple Crown winner a run for their money, swift as they are. With Tracy Foshee in left, Ginger Craig in center and Missy Landreneau in right, Jones foresees an outfield that will chase down anything in their area. "The girls this year are also playing where the ball will land, not making a half-hearted effort to catch a ball that they know will go over their heads. We're going to run them down, and with the outstanding arms that our outfielders have, be able to cut down on any extra bases the opposition would normally get." The team's strongest arm is the right limb of reserve outfielder Valerie Salter.

The infield is anchored by three year starter Wendy Zucconi behind the plate. "Now that Wendy has more than one pitcher to work with, she'll be in a

position to lead more than she has in the past. She'll call the pitches as well as plays that we'll run in the infield."

Throwing the pitches that Zucconi will be on the receiving end of will be the two girl tandem of Donna Jo Laffitte and Kellie Shotwell. Laffitte returns from a year ago when she was the Lady Demons primary pitcher, starting and completing 39 games in recording a 2.21 earned run average. Shotwell is a freshman who has impressed Jones with the way that she moves the ball around.

Jeanne DeVittorio is back for another year of stretching it out at first base, but the rest of the Lady Demon infield are all newcomers to their respective positions. Maureen Kracik, a left fielder last year, now has second base as her place of employment. Michelle Efferson, a freshman who Jones hopes will emerge as a take charge type of player, will field ground balls from shortstop. On her right is former outfielder turned third baseman Debbie Darbonne. If any of those starters needs a rest, Jones won't hesitate to bring either Dawn Carlos or Janet Davis off the bench.

Jones would like to see a more explosive offense, one that creates scoring opportunities rather than "standing around and waiting for something to



1986 LADY DEMON SOFTBALL: Front Row (L-R), Ginger Craig, Wendy Zucconi, Michelle Efferson, Debbie Darbonne, Donna Jo Laffitte and Kellie Shotwell. Back Row (L-R), Valerie Salter, Dawn Carlos, Janet Davis, Missy Landreneau, Jeanne DeVittorio, Tracy Foshee and Maureen Kracik.

happen." If last year's returnees improve just slightly, the opposition could be the ones standing around, waiting for its turn at bat.

Foshee batted a team-leading .286 last year and Craig set Lady Demon followers on their collective ears by clubbing 10 home runs, setting a career mark in only her first year. Kracik reached base more often than any other player, Zucconi legged out eight dou-

bles and DeVittorio tied for second in rbi's with 18.

Jones sums up her feelings by saying that "I'm excited about our team. We should be competitive in the conference, and our attitude has been super. With our improved defense, we'll encourage our pitchers to let the other team hit the ball." The "catch" to a successful season is whether or not the Lady Demon speedsters will be there to track it down.

Lady Demon Tennis Outlook

The return of five players, three of them Gulf Star Conference singles champions last year, and the addition of two impressive freshmen are why head coach Johnnie Emmons is optimistic about the 1986 Lady Demon tennis season.

NSU is coming off a 13-6 overall record and a 4-1 GSC mark, good for second place. Leading them to the lofty conference standing were Tory Plunkett, the number one singles champ;

Karla Tubbs, the number five singles winner; and Monica Isaza, who won the crown at the number six position.

Emmons looks for Plunkett, whom he says is the GSC's best player based on her 17-4 freshman campaign, "to have an outstanding year, win the conference title, and be in the NCAA Division I championships." Tubbs, the squad's only senior, finished 13-8 in 1985 while Isaza, a junior from Bogota, Colombia, was 12-9.

The two remaining letterwinners are Ana Maria deFilippo, a junior who went 14-7 last season, and Angie Peterson, a junior who wound up with a 7-14 slate in 1985.

"We had some outstanding results in the fall," said Emmons. "We beat Northeast Louisiana for the first time in Northwestern history and that was a great, great win for the girls." Making substantial contributions to those fall workouts were freshmen Barbara Toms from West Germany and Shayne Fitzwilliams from South Africa.

Toms, who was the youngest player to ever compete in Germany's highest league, has drawn rave reviews from Emmons. "She could be in the category of Plunkett," he said. "She'll probably play number two for us and Shayne will be at the number three or four slot.

We've improved the team in that manner because any time you bring in a player and push someone down, you're in good shape."

Emmons is hoping to move up a notch in the Gulf Star standings, nudging past Stephen F. Austin. "They were the best in the conference last year and we were second best," he said. "Hopefully, we'll swap places this year. Southwest Texas, Southeastern Louisiana and Sam Houston will also challenge."

Aside from the conference agenda, the Lady Demons will also tangle with Tulane, Northeast Louisiana, McNeese State, Louisiana Tech, and Kansas State. "We'll play just as tough or a tougher schedule than last year. Our opponents all have quality programs," said Emmons.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND Honors Earl H. Aiken of Tioga.

More than \$7,000 has been contributed to a scholarship fund established in honor of Earl H. Aiken, a 1929 Northwestern graduate who served from 1939 to 1966 as principal of Tioga High School in Rapides Parish.

Earl H. Aiken Day was observed in Tioga on Nov. 30, 1985, with several hundred graduates of Tioga High School attending.

Mrs. Bert Smith, a 1950 Tioga graduate and a 1958 NSU Graduate School alumnus, said that because of his students' love and admiration for him, some deserving student will reap substantial future benefits.

Northwestern alumni who would like to contribute to the Earl H. Aiken Scholarship Fund should contact the Rapides Bank and Trust Company in Alexandria.



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